



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Health Care Financing Administration

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Ms. Linda K. Wertz
State Medicaid Director
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend your approved home and community-based services waiver for individuals with mental retardation (Mental Retardation Local Authority Program), as authorized under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, has been approved. This amendment has been given the Health Care Financing Administration control number # **0330.09**.

This amendment expands the geographic coverage of this waiver to twenty-two additional Texas counties that were previously covered under two other Texas home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver programs. You have assured us that the individuals transitioning to this waiver from the two other HCBS waiver programs will have access to an identical array of service components. This amendment also adds an additional targeting group to this waiver in order for Texas to provide waiver services to eligible individuals who have been waiting for waiver services the longest statewide.

The revisions to the number of unduplicated recipients and the average per capita cost of waiver services for year three of the waiver have been approved as follows:

Year	Unduplicated Recipients	Factor D
3	2358	\$35,094.07

Based on the information you provided with your request, I approve this amendment request to incorporate these changes into Texas' waiver, effective March 1, 2001.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean Duckett
Director
Division of Benefits, Coverage, & Payment
Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

cc: Dallas Regional Office